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1. 'C-FATIME TEXT

2. CHARGE DELIVERED TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GROZA AT 1300 APRIL 25 BUCHAREST TIME. MISS GROZA COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT THE EVENT WAS MOST RECRETTABLE AND NOT JUSTIFIABLE: IT WOULD WORSEN RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND IRAN. MAKE MORE DIFFICULT PEACEFUL EFFORTS TO GAIN THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES, AND AGGRAVATE THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. IN RESPONSE, CHARGE DREW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE POINT THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THIS RESCUE MISSION HAD BEEN ORDERED FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, TO PROTECT US NATIONAL INTERESTS AND TO ALLEVIATE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT US POLICY AND ACTIONS ON THE HOSTAGE ISSUE HAD BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY MODERATE AND RESTRAINED. UNFORTUNATELY, HE ADDED, TOO MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD REGARDED THE HOSTAGE SITUATION AS A BILATERAL US-IRANIAN ISSUE RATHER THAN AN INHERENT AND FUNDAMENTAL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.

3. MISS GROZA REPEATED HER THANKS FOR THE RAPID TRANSMITTAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, EMPHASIZED THAT HER COMMENTS WERE PRELIMINARY AND PERSONAL, AND SAID SHE WOULD CONVEY THE INFORMATION TO HER SUPERIORS.

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